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INFO AMEMBASSY BRASILIA PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 098553

TOSEC 263

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, BGEN, AR

SUBJECT: TERRORIST THREAT TO FORD SUBSIDIARY

REF: BUENOS AIRES 3623

1. DEPARTMENT LEARNED EARLY THIS MORNING OF EXTORTION THREAT TO FORD SUBSIDIARY PLANT IN PACHACHO FOLLOWING KILLING OF ARGENTINIAN OFFICIAL OF SUBSIDIARY ( REFTEL).

2. FORD OFFICIAL INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT THEY HAVE SCHEDULED 7:00 A. M. EDT MEETING WITH HENRY FORD AND OTHER SENIOR OPERATIONAL OFFICIALS TO DETERMINE COURSE OF ACTION. THEIR PRESENT INCLINATION IS NOT TO GIVE IN TO TERRORISTS' DEMANDS, WHICH APPARENTLY ARE FOR ONE MILLION DOLLARS, WITH THREAT- ENED FURTHER KILLINGS IF IT IS NOT PROVIDED. DEADLINE REPORTED TO BE 9:00 A. M. YOUR TIME, TODAY, MAY 23.  
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3. WE PROVIDED FORD WITH GUIDANCE ON OUR POSITION ON SUCH  
TERRORIST ACTS, AND SUGGESTED THAT THEY HAVE LOCAL MANAGER  
(AMCIT ERDMAN) CONTACT EMBASSY AND BRING POLICE INTO PICTURE.  
THEY AGREED TO DO SO.

4. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY CAN  
PROVIDE ON THIS CASE. IF EMBASSY HAS ANY INFORMATION IT  
BELIEVES WOULD BE USEFUL FOR FORD TO HAVE BEFORE ITS  
7:00 A. M. MEETING, FORWARD IT BY IMMEDIATE SLUGGED  
FOR OPERATIONS CENTER, WHICH WILL PASS IT TO FORD. RUSH

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